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## Griffmen in Better Position Than Ever Before in History

HERE ARE FOUR BIG LEAGUE STARS WHO ARE PLAYING GREAT BALL THESE DAYS FOR THE JUNGALERS



GEORGE BURNS.



"DONIE" BUSH.



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## GRIFFMEN ARE BETTER PLACED IN RACE RIGHT NOW THAN EVER BEFORE

Are Almost a Dozen Games Closer to the Leaders Than in 1913, and Outlook Is Most Propitious—Walter Johnson Will Face Jungaleers Tomorrow Afternoon.

By THOMAS KIRBY.

Today finds the Washington club in an incalculably better strategic position than ever before, at a corresponding date, since the American League extended its territorial rights and through the expansion of its domains demanded recognition for equality with the National circuit that had long remained the sole major organization.

Today marks the great divide. It was on July 9 that the Nationals played their seventy-seventh game of 1913. As there are 154 games on the schedule and the Griffmen have won forty-two victories and have lost thirty-five times they are now midway in the campaign of 1914. Washington lost the seventy-seventh game last summer. It came as the first part of a double-header, with Groom opposing Dause, who pitched yesterday, and went the way of Detroit by 5 to 3, but in the second half of the double bill Walter Johnson beat the Tigers by 9 to 0, thereby starting the Nationals in the second half of their fight with a triumph.

As the Nationals went into the closing section of their 1913 race the standing of all clubs were:

Club	W.	L.	Pct.
Philadelphia	53	19	.733
Cleveland	48	24	.667
Washington	42	30	.583
Chicago	42	30	.583
Boston	37	35	.514
Detroit	37	35	.514
St. Louis	32	40	.444
New York	21	52	.294

These figures show that as the Nationals started into the closing stretch last July they were fourteen and one-half games behind the Athletics, while today three games are all that separate the Griffmen from the summit.

But, in addition to being nearly a dozen games nearer the top, there are other aspects that enter into the calculations in regard to the Nationals' chances this time. Last season Philadelphia gained its commanding advantage largely through the fact that it practically outclassed most of the other entrants during the midsummer term; today there are five clubs that can force the Athletics to extend themselves to

## Big League Biffers of a Day.

Club	AB.	H.	TB.	Pct.
Cruise, Cardinals	1	1	4	1.000
Egan, Robins	1	1	3	1.000
Lewis, Red Sox	1	1	1	1.000
James, Browns	1	1	1	1.000
Sallee, Cards	1	1	1	1.000
Magee, Cards	5	4	6	.800
Saier, Cubs	4	3	7	.750
Fournier, W. Sox	4	3	6	.750
Niehoff, Reds	4	3	6	.750
Gardner, Red Sox	4	3	5	.750
Baker, Mackmen	4	3	4	.750
Milan, Griffmen	4	3	4	.750
Pratt, Browns	4	3	4	.750
Cree, Yankees	4	3	3	.750
Meyers, Giants	4	3	3	.750

the very limit. Cleveland has withered until it can hardly be seriously considered, but Detroit, St. Louis, and Chicago have teams that are vastly improved over the clubs that represented these respective cities in the last race.

In these trying times when he is in dire need of all the assistance he can command Connie Mack finds his pitching staff aeroplaning and volplaning leaving his whole dependence on the slugging propensities of the men who must support the staggering and towering moundmen of the House of Macks.

In giving bitter battle to the leaders Hughes Jennings subjected his pitching staff to a grueling test and he now finds that it will require a little finesse to bring his slabs back to the excellent form they have shown of late.

On the other hand, Clark Griffith is suffering from a surfeit of pitching talent. In the last ten days but one of the Washington twirlers has really failed to do good work and he now finds that he has in addition to his four regulars—Johnson, Ayers, and Shaw—Engel and Harper, who have been recognized through their performance of late. Let the other members of the team give the pitchers the proper support during the next week or so and these Griffmen should fairly burn the trail.



PHOTO BY C. THORNE.

In the Seventh Inning of Yesterday's Clash Between the Tigers and the Griffmen Bobby Veach Doubled. He Tried to Reach Third While George McBride Was Fielding Kavanaugh's Roller, But the Dandy Captain Fooled Him By Shooting the Pill to Foster Instead of to First Base. Carl Thoner, The Times' Camera Expert, Was Right on the Job, as Usual, and Here You Have a View of the Death of Bobby Veach.

taken in the disturbances at Shibe park.

Detroit remains here tomorrow, Tuesday, and Wednesday, and then come the Cleveland Naps to finish the week.

Chick Gandil is expected back at first base tomorrow. His experience in being hit in the face by a wild howling ball on Thursday kept him out of the game yesterday, but today he had so far recovered that he will probably be out there fighting back the Tigers on Monday.

The day of rest should help Ed Foster. The third baseman went through yesterday's game suffering greatly from the severe strain of the back which he experienced in batting on Friday.

Joe Boehling was in grand form yesterday and richly served the victory which he scored over George Dause.

That Washington is thoroughly aroused to the intensity of the mad-dening American League race was demonstrated yesterday when nearly 19,000 braved the heat to cheer the Nationals against the Tigers.

Aside from Boehling's pitching and the general alertness of the Griffmen the feature yesterday was what might be characterized as a delayed squeeze. Milan dashed in from third, but shank missed the ball. Milan started back to third, but when Stange threw to Purcell Milan slid home. Some daring!

## Baseball Standings

## Standing of Clubs.

Club	W.	L.	Pct.	Today's
Philadelphia	45	22	.682	.677
Detroit	44	23	.659	.543
Washington	42	24	.636	.582
Chicago	41	25	.619	.545
St. Louis	40	26	.606	.521
Boston	38	28	.577	.513
New York	28	38	.424	.328
Cleveland	26	40	.394	.338

## Today's Games.

No games scheduled.

## Tomorrow's Games.

Detroit at Washington.  
St. Louis at Philadelphia.  
Chicago at New York.  
Cleveland at Boston.

## Yesterday's Results.

Washington, 4; Detroit, 2.  
St. Louis, 4; Philadelphia, 1.  
(12 innings)  
St. Louis, 4; Philadelphia, 6.  
New York, 2; Chicago, 1.  
Boston, 4; Cleveland, 3.

## National League.

## Standing of Clubs.

Club	W.	L.	Pct.	Today's
New York	42	20	.680	.583
Chicago	41	21	.663	.532
St. Louis	40	22	.646	.513
Cincinnati	37	25	.597	.457
Philadelphia	34	28	.548	.419
Brooklyn	33	29	.533	.406
Pittsburgh	32	30	.516	.402
Boston	31	31	.497	.425

## Today's Games.

Philadelphia at Cincinnati.  
New York at Chicago.  
Boston at St. Louis.

## Tomorrow's Games.

Brooklyn at Pittsburgh.  
Philadelphia at Cincinnati.  
New York at Chicago.  
Boston at St. Louis.

## Yesterday's Results.

Pittsburgh, 3; Philadelphia, 1.  
Cincinnati, 6; Brooklyn, 5.  
Boston, 5; Chicago, 2.  
New York, 13; St. Louis, 0.

## Today's Games.

Kansas City at St. Louis.  
Indianapolis at Chicago.

## Tomorrow's Games.

Indianapolis at Kansas City.  
St. Louis at Chicago.  
Buffalo at Baltimore.  
Pittsburgh at Brooklyn.

## Yesterday's Results.

Buffalo, 1; Baltimore, 2.  
St. Louis, 5; Baltimore, 3.  
(Called in 12th, darkness)  
Brooklyn, 1; Pittsburgh, 0.  
Cincinnati, 6; Brooklyn, 5.  
St. Louis, 5; Kansas City, 2.  
Indianapolis, 2; Chicago, 2.

## GIANTS AT LAST GET OUT OF LOSING RUT

Take First Game Out of Six Trials in as Many Days. Cards Lose.

ST. LOUIS, July 12.—In a game which developed anything but championship baseball, the Giants got out of the rut and won their first game out of the last six starts. The Cardinals being defeated this time by 13 to 5. Twenty-five players took part in the performance, pinch hitters and relief pitchers plying incessantly between the Cards' dugout and the field of battle.

Four home runs are credited to Wilson, Dolan, Doyle, and Cruise today as a result of a batfist in which thirty-four hits were tallied, for a total of sixty bases. The score:

R.H.E.  
New York..... 000 042 000-13 15 4  
St. Louis..... 003 001 000-5 13 2

Batteries—Sale, Griner, Steele, Niehaus, and Wingo; Mathewson and Meyers.

## Recruits Win Ball Game For Pittsburgh Pirates

PITTSBURGH, July 12.—Manager Clark was disgusted with the luck that the Pirates have been encountering of late, and to chance it he sent four recruits out of the field, put a many recruits in, and the youngsters won the game for him by 2 to 1. Mitchell, Casey, Mowrey, and Gibson were the veterans relieved of duty, and Mathewson allowed only three shutouts.

The score: R.H.E.  
Philadelphia..... 000 000 000-1 1 2  
Pittsburgh..... 002 001 000-2 1 1

Batteries—Rixey, Overberger and Killifer, Mathewson and Coleman.

## Chicago Drops Series To the Boston Braves

CHICAGO, July 12.—Opportunity hitting by the Boston Braves gave them the third game of the series with the Chicago Cubs. Score, 5 to 2. The Cubs erred at costly times. Rudolph's support was alright. The score: R.H.E.  
Boston..... 000 000 000-5 10 0  
Chicago..... 010 000 000-2 6 4

Batteries—Rudolph and Mathewson; Humphreys, Hageman, Smith and Brennan, Hargrave.

## PHILLY FANS THINK MACKMEN MUST MAKE BETTER SHOW TO WIN BANNER

Young Pitchers Are Not Holding Their Own With Contenders and Connie Worries.

PHILADELPHIA, July 12.—If the world's champion Athletics are to win the 1914 pennant they will have to play far better ball than they are now doing. If Connie Mack's outfit is to breeze over the line ahead of the other teams in Ban Johnson's league, they will have to get better pitching. Eddie Plank, the veteran southpaw, is the one twirler pitching up to his standard. Connie Mack knows this and is grieving considerably. Plank cannot for the rest of the time young, inexperienced pitchers must do their best. So far they have not made a very favorable impression upon the fans.

"I realize fully the weakness of my

pitching staff," says Connie Mack. "However, I feel that the superior hitting strength of my team will carry us through. Of course, we have no lead worth mentioning. Indeed, it might be better for us to fall back a bit and let some other team do the worrying. There is a tremendous strain upon the leaders, you know, and my young pitchers don't seem to be enduring it very well. Perhaps, if we slide a little, they will get their nerve back again."

"While I believe we will win the pennant, nevertheless, Detroit, Washington, Chicago, and St. Louis are all in there fighting tooth and nail. A bit of bad luck to any of us will be disastrous. Injuries to needed players will ruin any one of the contenders. By all odds, this is the best race I have ever seen in the American League."

Philadelphia fans think that Wash-

ington and Detroit stand the best chances of beating out the Mackmen. Neither team is popular here, but the fans admit their great strength. Griffiths outfit has strong pitchers and brilliant fielders, while Jennings has a powerful, aggressive team. Detroit looks better than Washington at the bat, but not so strong in the box or in the field. Chicago's pitchers are keeping Calhoun's crew in the race.

That the Browns are going to cause trouble for the Mackmen was indicated yesterday. Clarence Walker's two home runs into the left field bleachers brought defeat to the champions in twelve innings. His second crash came in the twelfth, giving the Browns the victory, 4 to 2. His long drives brought over three of his team's four tallies.

The second clash saw the debut of an unknown southpaw, Lloyd Davies, Amherst College's star varsity twirler this spring. He was given an ovation at the conclusion of his exhibition, which was practically flawless. When he took a walk in the eighth, forcing in McClellan, the Mackmen went ahead to stay.

The scores: R.H.E.  
First game.  
Browns..... 200 010 000-4 15 3  
Mackmen..... 000 120 000-3 9 2

Second game.  
Browns..... 100 001 000-1 15 2  
Mackmen..... 002 100 000-4 9 3

Batteries—Browns: James, Wellman, Baun, and Agnew. Crainin; Mackmen: Shaw, Key and Schang.

## "Babe" Ruth Makes Good In First Game With Sox

BOSTON, July 12.—"Babe" Ruth made his debut against the Naps yesterday as a member of the Red Sox and was successful, even though he had to give way to Leonard when a pinch hitter showed up. His control was excellent, not a Napanier walking. Eight hits were made off him in the seven innings he twirled. Bill Carrigan will now use the youngster in his turn with the other pitchers.

With the score even in the last of the seventh Tris Speaker poled a single, scoring Scott. Lewis had a hit for Ruth, and so Leonard faced the Naps in the eighth. He breezed four of the six men facing him and completely shut off their hopes of winning. The score:

R.H.E.  
Naps..... 000 100 000-3 4 4  
Red Sox..... 000 100 100-4 8 1

Batteries—Naps, Mitchell, and O'Neill; Red Sox, Ruth, Leonard, and Carrigan.

## White Sox Slip Back When Yanks Take Game

NEW YORK, July 12.—The White Sox bumped into unexpected trouble at the Polo Grounds yesterday and slipped back into fourth place when the "Champs" trimmed them, 5 to 4. The home hitters slammed Faber and Russell from the rubber. Carroll Brown, bought from the Athletics, was knocked out of the box in the first inning, but King Cole pitched great ball when he replaced the former Mackman. The score:

R.H.E.  
White Sox..... 310 000 000-3 8 4  
Yankees..... 000 220 000-5 12 1

Batteries—White Sox: Faber, Russell, King, Clotte, and Schalk; Yankees: Brown, Cole, and Sweeney.

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Ripley Williams work around that first corner was smooth. When he took Foster's low peg in the eighth, retiring Owen Bush, Ripley completed a pretty play. He had to dig the ball up out of the sod.

What a slaughter that was in St. Louis yesterday, thirty-four hits being marked up for a total of sixty bases. Six doubles, four triples, and four home runs kept the scores busy all the afternoon.

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